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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF STOP THE NEUTRON BOMB INITIATIVE GROUP

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM THREE MEMBERS OF THE DUTCH INITIATIVE GROUP TO STOP THE NEUTRON BOMB FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN PRESENTING THEIR VIEWS TO A US OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON DURING THE FORTHCOMING SSOD IN NEW YORK. THEY WISH FIRST TO GO TO MOSCOW FOR A SIMILAR PRESENTATION AND TO FOLLOW THE ONE IN WASHINGTON WITH ONE TO THE UN SECRETARIAT. LEADER OF GROUP IS MEMBER OF DUTCH COMMUNIST PARTY. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPROPRIATE RECEPTION OF THE DELEGATION WHICH REPRESENTS WIDE DUTCH POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS. END SUMMARY

1. THE NETHERLANDS ORGANIZATION WHICH SO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED THE ENHANCED RADIATION WEAPON THIS PAST YEAR, THE INITIATIVE GROUP TO STOP THE NEUTRON BOMB, HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY IT WISHES TO PRESENT ITS POSITION ON THE ERW AND NUCLEAR AIMS IN GENERAL TO AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USG IN WASHINGTON WHILE THE SSOD UNCLASSIFIED

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IS IN SESSION.

2. THE SECRETARY OF THE INITIATIVE, MR NICOLAAS SCHOUTEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE NETHERLANDS, CALLED ON THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY TO ASK FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS.

- 3. THE INITIATIVE IS DISPATCHING SCHOUTEN AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, NON-COMMUNISTS, BOTH ON THIS MISSION. THEY ARE JAN BLOK, SECRETARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOLTEACHERS OF NORTH HOLLAND PROVINCE, AND REV LODEWIJK RINGNALDA, A MINISTER OF THE CALVINIST CHURCH. ANOTHER PERSONMIGHT POSSIBLY BE ADDED TO THE DELEGATION LATER.
- 4. FYI: SCHOUTEN, 32 YEARS, A MEMBER OF THE CPN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR AMSTERDAM AND A GRADUATING (1978) MAJOR IN SOCIOLOGY AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM, WAS ISSUED A B-VISA TODAY ENTITLING HIM TO SPEND 30 DAYS IN THE US WITH ENTRY IN MAY. IT WAS ISSUED IN AMSTERDAM UNDER WAIVER OF INELIGIBILITY, SEC 212(A)(28).
- 5. THE DELEGATION ALSO PLANS TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW WHERE IT WIL PRESENT A DOCUMENT WHICH SETS FORTH ITS OPPOSITION TO THE ERW AND TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN GENERAL AS WELL AS ITS ARGUMENTATION FOR ABOLITION OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND A STOP TO THE ARMS RACE.
- 6. THE TRIP WISHES TO SPEAK TO A DESIGNATED USG RECIPIENT AND MAKE A SHORT ORAL AND WRITTEN PRESENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE'S POLICIES. THEY INTEND TO BEGIN THIS IN NOSCOW AND REPEAT IT IN WASHINGTON AND AT THE UN SECRETARIAT. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 7. THE GROUP INFORMED THE EMBASSY, STRESSING THAT NOTHING IN EITHER THE WRITTEN OR ORAL PRESENTATION WILL BE ANTI-US. SCHOUTEN ASSERTED THAT THE INITIATIVE HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE PRESIDENT'S DISARMAMENT POLICIES AND PARTICULARLY HIS ERW DECISION.
- 8. DESPITE THE POLITICAL AFFILIATION OF SCHOUTEN, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE EXPEDIENT TO RECEIVE HIS GROUP AND ITS PRESENTATION. THE CPN HAS CERTAINLY BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE ENORMOUS ENERGIES EXPENDED IN THE STOP THE NEUTRON BOMB CAMPAIGN IN THE NETHERLANDS, BUT THIS CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCLAIMED AND ENDORSED BY PAX CHRISTI, TWO OF THREE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, DUTCH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ET AL; IT HAS A FORMIDABLE GALAXY OF DUTCH POLITICAL AND PUBLIC OPINION.
- 9. SCHOUTEN INFORMED THE EMBASSY HE IS ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE, THAT HE HAS ASSURANCES OF FAVORABLE ACTION ON HIS REQUEST, BUT NO IDEA OF THE LEVEL OF THE RECEPTION TO BE GRANTED.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: WILL DEPARTMENT DESIGNATE OFFICE OR OFFICER TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION ON OR ABOUT JUNE1, WITH A TELEPHONE NUMBER SCHOUTEN COULD CONTACT ON HIS ARRIVAL IN THE US TO ENABLE FINALIZING ARRANGEMENTS.
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